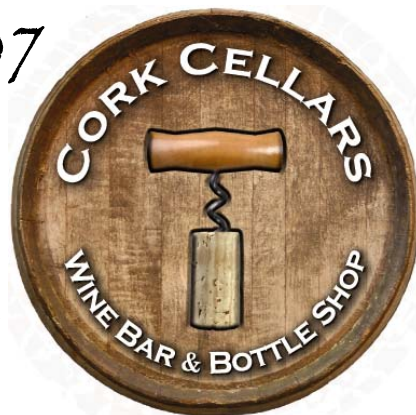


# Big Bang Club Newsletter

## September 2007

### *2007 Northwest Harvest*



The 2007 Northwest harvest has begun – from Canada’s Okanogan Valley to Oregon’s Willamette Valley, to California. It’s going to be a busy year here in the Northwest – initial harvest reports a fabulous year with production up from last year, and great growing conditions throughout the summer indicate good fruit structure and complexity. When harvest begins – it’s non-stop for everyone in the wine making business. Harvesting the fruit at the right time is

just the first step, and in the many days to come, wineries crush & de-stem grapes, fold-over, etc. It’s a very exciting time, but lots of long hours and manual labor. Thankfully, we all appreciate the hard work, as the end result is our favorite bottle! As always, enjoy your selection this month. Cheers, Emily and Mark Pelletier

**Visit us at Wine by the River Oct. 6-7<sup>th</sup>**  
**More info & tickets: [www.winebytheriver.com](http://www.winebytheriver.com)**

**DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!**

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Huntington Cellars Petite Sirah ~ \$10

#### Healdsburg, California

**About Huntington Cellars:** Based in Healdsburg, California in the heart of Sonoma County’s lush and treasured wine country, is Huntington Wine Cellars. The winery, founded in 1989, was purchased by wine industry veteran Bill Leigon in 1997. With the vision of producing world-class California wines that would appeal to all of the senses and reflect the finest things in life, Bill Leigon took Huntington Wine Cellars under his wing. It was fitting then that the visual identity of Huntington included a majestic falcon on the label. Each vintage of Huntington wine boasts a unique label known as “Drinkable Art,” a reproduction of a fine art piece incorporating Huntington’s signature falcon, painted by artist and Huntington partner, Ken Schilling.



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**About Petite Sirah:** The grape variety known as Petite Sirah in California is indeed the same as the French variety ‘Durif’, and is a descendant of the true Syrah of the Rhone Valley. This variety has many fans among consumers for the deep colored, robust and ageworthy wines it produces. Petite Sirah is prized for its dark, inky color and intense tannins with flavor profiles that include blueberry, pepper, blackberry and black cherry.

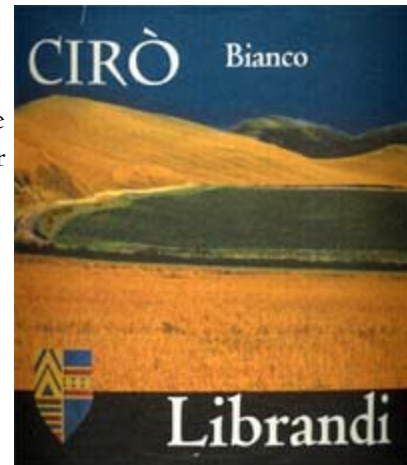
**Tasting Notes:** 88% Petite Sirah, 12% Cabernet. Enormous fruit characteristics include aromas of black fruit, chocolate, currant, blackberry and black cherry. The palate is rich and full, blanketed with soft tannins. This Petite Sirah is an amazing wine with its subtle layers of fruit and a rich jammy intensity that rather than going over the top, shows refinement and finesse in every sip.

# 2006 Librandi Cirò Bianco - \$10

Calabria, Italy

**Tasting Notes:** 100% Greco Bianco. Dry. Bright straw yellow in color, with greenish hues, Librandi's Cirò Bianco is elegant on the nose, offering a varied palette of Mediterranean and tropical aromas such as ripe peach, pineapple, cedar and bitter orange, followed by delicate notes of mediterranean herbs and flowers. This wine is fresh in the mouth, with a crispy minerality following the juicy fruit flavors. A pleasant acidity lingers on the finish with subtle hints of toasted almonds.

**Serving Suggestions:** An incredibly versatile wine, ideal in the summer and delicious throughout the year, Cirò Bianco is a zesty aperitif wine, to be served alongside fish or vegetable antipasti. It is also a great match with omelets and hard-boiled eggs. Delicious with ceviche, shellfish (raw or with sauces), and with grilled swordfish, tuna or salmon.



Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

## Tasting Notes

2002 Huntington Cellars Petite Sirah  
Healdsburg, California

Nose:

Taste:

When/Where Served:

Food with wine:

Comments:

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Calabria, Italy

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### Previous Wine Club Selections

#### JULY 2007

Rosa del Golfo Scaliere

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

Stevenot Verdelho

*Very limited*

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

#### AUGUST 2007

Muruve Crianza

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

Raimat Chardonnay

\$10/bottle

6 or more: \$9/bottle

12 or more: \$8/bottle

CORK CELLARS DISCOUNT POLICY

#### 10% TUESDAYS

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

#### 10% OFF

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more bottles of wine (mixed okay)

#### 10% OVER COST

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)